

APPENDIX D

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On page 12 of the specification, please amend the paragraph that precedes the "Procedure 2a" heading. This paragraph should be amended as indicated below.



The first step in procedure 1 (i.e., the step that uses compound I to make compound II) is called a Birch reduction. The Birch reduction is described in greater detail in the following two articles, which are incorporated herein by this reference: E. Piers, J.R. Grierson, *J. Org. Chem.*, [1997] 1977, 42, 3755-3757; and P. Radlick, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1965, 30, 3209-3211. The last step in procedure 1 (i.e., the step that uses compound IV to make compound V) and below-described procedures 3a, 3b, 3c, and 3d are called Knoevenagel condensation reactions. Knoevenagel condensation reactions are described in greater detail in the following two articles, which are incorporated herein by this reference: R. Lemke, *Synthesis*, 1974, 359-361; and A.J. Fatiadi, *Synthesis*, 1978, 165-204.

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